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**Request  
for  
Continued Examination (RCE)  
Transmittal**

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Application Number	09/688,332
Filing Date	October 10, 2000
First Named Inventor	Burns, et al.
Art Unit	1731
Examiner Name	Peter Chin
Attorney Docket Number	KCX-339 (15106)

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees**

- The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.  
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- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**PATENT**  
**ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: KCX-339 (15106)**

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Appl. No.:	09/688,332	)	Art Unit/T.C.:	1731
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Filed:	October 10, 2000	)	Customer No.:	04-1403
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Title:	Soft Paper Products with	)	Confirmation No.:	1223
	Low Lint and Slough	)		
		)	Customer ID No.:	22827

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**RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

In conjunction with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith and in response to (1) the Final Office Action mailed May 15, 2003, (2) the Advisory Action mailed July 11, 2003, and (3) the Interview Summary Sheet mailed October 14, 2003, please refer to the remarks set forth below.

For the Examiner's convenience, a **Listing of Claims** is included, which begins at page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

In re Application of: Burns, et al.  
Serial No: 09/688,332  
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**RESPONSE**

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is to be treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

Fee requirements (if any) have been calculated as shown below:

	Claims remaining after amendment		Highest number previously paid for		Present Extra		Additional Fee
Total Effective Claims	41	minus	55	=	0	X \$18 =	\$ .00
Independent Claims	3	minus	4	=	0	x \$86 =	\$ .00

If amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for first time, add \$290.00 (per application) \$ .00

Since Official Action set an original due date of August 15, 2003,  
**PETITION** is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month \$110; 2 months \$420; 3 months \$950; 4 months \$1480) \$ 950.00

If Terminal Disclaimer enclosed, add Rule 20(d) Official Fee (\$110.00) \$ .00

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[ ] herewith, enter one-half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract \$ .00

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Other: Request for Continued Examination (RCE), Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 \$ 770.00

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